Developing Kaveri engine for LCA

269. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gas Turbine Research establishment of DRDO is thinking of taking on board a global technical personnel to develop Kaveri engine for LCA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the High Powered Committee has deliberated on this issue at length;

(d) whether it is also a fact that DRDO is opposing the move to take any technical help from outside; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Gas Turbine Research Establishment of DRDO has undertaken development of Kaveri engine to meet the propulsion needs of LCA project. During Aero India 2005 number of manufacturers displayed engine technology. In order to expedite the Kaveri engine development, DRDO has explored the possibility of partnership with other leading manufacturers. Expression of interest have been sought from all reputed military engine manufacturers to assess the level of interest in such a proposal.

(c) DRDO has reviewed and assessed that, in it's current stage of maturity, significant risk reduction in the program may accrue through a partnership in engine development and production to meet production release goals of Kaveri by 2009.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Coastal Security Plan

270. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the brief details of the Coastal Security Plan that envisages police stations in all coastal pockets;

(b) whether it is a Centrally funded projects; and

(c) the details of areas that would be developed from security angle on the Orissa coast?